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Mass Cleaning of Ring Road

- Officers, Pourakarmikas of six MCC Zonal Offices begin four-day cleaning drive
- Residents cry foul as debris will be dumped all over again; seek permanent solution

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (RK&BCT)- A four-day mass cleaning of the Outer Ring Road began this morning as decided at a meeting of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on Feb. 25 that was chaired by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha.

The cleaning campaign will clear construction waste, animal and poultry waste, garbage and furniture waste dumped all along the 43.5-km Ring Road. MCC Development Officers, Environment Engineers, Assistant Commissioners and Pourakarmikas attached to six MCC Zonal Offices under which the Ring Road comes are undertaking the cleaning drive.

MCC officials using an earth excavating machine during the mass cleaning of Outer Ring Road in city this morning.

The Ring Road cleaning drive will be conducted for four days as part of the regular cleaning by the Six Zonal Offices that have dedicated earth movers and tippers. The collected waste will be moved to solid waste management plants to be processed and disposed of.

During the meeting on Feb. 25, the MP had urged Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa and MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy to take immediate measures to clear the debris at isolated places like the service roads of the Ring Road that have become preferred places for people and business establishments to dump garbage and construction debris.

However, seeing the Ring Road finally being cleaned by the MCC this morning, residents and shop owners complained that the MCC had taken up such campaigns earlier too but the moment the campaign ends, waste is dumped again. Moreover, the burning of garbage chokes the area and it is a nightmarish experience during summer, residents said.

"Earlier, before Dasara, a similar mass cleaning campaign was taken up but people started dumping waste again on the Ring Road. Instead of resorting to such gimmicks, the MCC must plan something concrete to end the menace," Prashanth Shetty, who owns a hotel along the road, told *Star of Mysore*.

Residents have demanded the MCC to install CCTV cameras all along the Ring Road so that garbage-dumping vehicles can be trapped and penalised. "There are many private layouts here and they do not have solid waste management plants. All the waste generated is dumped on the Ring Road at night. CCTV cameras are the best solution and anyway the Ring Road is lit up at night and violators can easily be caught," said another resident of Rajivnagar.

First-of-its-kind Circle of Statuary inaugurated at Yadavagiri

MP Pratap Simha is seen cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the unique statuary at Yadavagiri last evening along with K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor of Star of Mysore.

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (BS)- The residents of Yadavagiri had gathered in good numbers to witness the inauguration of first-of-its-kind Statuary Circle with fictional characters from the celebrated author R.K. Narayan's (RKN) book *Swami and Friends* at the Joy ice-cream factory junction in Yadavagiri in city last evening. The event was organised by Yadavagiri Residents Association.

The Circle is just a stone's throw away from R.K. Narayan's house in the locality which has been converted into a Museum now and incidentally *Swami and Friends* stand facing their creator's house. The statues (of Swami, Mani and Shankar) were unveiled by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha in the presence of K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and Master Manjunath (Manjunath Nayaker), the actor who essayed the role of Swami in the TV serial *Malgudi Days*, the screen adaptation of RKN's book. Even though the statues were ready two years ago, their unveiling was delayed due to various reasons.

(See STATUARY on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 27th February 2023

Annual Day of Ganabharathi Music and Dance School

Ganabharathi Sangeetha Nritya Shaale conducted its annual day celebration on Feb. 11 at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar. V. Kaveesh Gowda, Hon. Secretary, Vidya Vikas Educational Trust, Mysuru, is seen inaugurating the event as Ganabharathi Vice-President H.R. Sundareshan, Secretary Dr. Krupa Phadke, EC member C.G. Ravishankar and Principal of Ganabharathi Sangeetha Nritya Shaala Vidushi Tejaswini look on. Students of the Sangeetha Nritya Shaala gave a scintillating performance on this occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As we were leaving for Hyderabad by road, my husband and I found ourselves near the Statue of Prosperity, which the Prime Minister had recently unveiled in Bengaluru. Returning by the same route, we stopped to admire Kempegowda in all his Stately splendour. My fascination with statues derives from a film I watched in 1961. At the end of The Colossus of Rhodes, *a gigantic bronze figure sways alarmingly before crashing headlong into the sea. I learned much later that the "Colossus" once existed but was destroyed in an earthquake over 2,200 years ago.*

More ancient is the Great Sphinx of Giza. According to legend, the statue appeared to Prince Thutmose in a dream, urging him to clear the sand that had obscured it. Thutmose, who was promised the throne as a reward, carried out the cleaning operation and became the ruler of Egypt. My husband and I saw the famous sculpture, but the weather was too hot for us to move towards it. We greeted the Sphinx from a distance.

Closer home, but also far, was Lord Gomateshwara at Shravanabelagola. We mistakenly believed that we could walk right up to him. On discovering that he stood on an elevated platform atop a hill, we turned back. My husband, who had recovered from a stroke, could not climb the steps. I missed the opportunity because of my aversion to exertion.

I am drawn to likenesses of literary luminaries, and on the aforementioned trip to Hyderabad, I hoped to spot a statue of Sarojini Naidu at Golden Threshold, the Songbird's former residence. Unfortunately, the heritage house was closed to visitors while it was being renovated. My husband and I did, however, get a good view of the gleaming Statue of Equality.

Statues worldwide are on my bucket list, but the only one I am likely to see is in New Delhi. Growing up there, I was ignorant of imperialism and quite fond of the statue of King George V. In 1968, it made an inglorious exit from the canopy behind India Gate. I am keen to meet its replacement, the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, for I am always in search of statues! — *Suryakumari Dennison in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

A town where it keeps raining fish

Lajamanu: There is town in Austraila where it keeps raining fish. Lajamanu, a remote community in the Australian outback, near the Tanami Desert, is the town which recently experienced its fourth rain of fish in the last 50 years.

The arid town of Lajamanu, in the Northern Territory outback, sees very little normal rain, but somehow it has experienced no less than four 'fish rains' in the last half-century – once in 1974, another in 2004, again in 2010 and very recently. Although the nearest fish-containing body of water is many miles away, locals swear that live fish started falling from the sky during a powerful storm and they even have photos to back up those claims.

Another baffling thing about this most recent case of raining fish is that the people of Lajamanu insist that at least some of the fish were alive.

Vivid 'mother-of-pearl' cloud in Scotland

Scotland: Nacreous cloud has been spotted in Scotland by sky-gazers and is known to be a rare 'mother-of-pearl' cloud. The shimmering colours brightened up the sky. It is known as one of the highest in atmosphere, these clouds often come together in cold conditions.

These clouds take the shape of large, thin discs - reflecting vivid colours. These rare clouds are known for their coloured light. The colours are reminiscent of the colours which reflect from a thin layer of oil on top of the water, an effect known as iridescence.

The clouds form in the lower layer of the earth's atmosphere - over polar regions when the sun is just below the horizon. The ice particles then form nacreous clouds, these ice particles are much smaller than those that create normal clouds.

HEALTH CAPSULE

POST DELIVERY CONTRACEPTION - The uterus comes back to its normal size after delivery in 6 weeks and normal sexual activities can be resumed. Even if the periods haven't resumed by then, there are high chances of pregnancy if you have intercourse during this period. Progesterone pills or injections, copper T insertion are the safest methods of contraception during first 6 months of delivery.

By Dr. Amulya K.G, Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

SJCE to host three-day International Conference from tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.27 (PM&BS)- As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), a constituent College of JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, the Departments of Chemistry, Biotechnology, Environmental Engineering and Polymer Science and Technology, have organised a three-day International Conference on 'Advanced Materials for Health, Energy and Environment' (AMHEE-2023) from Feb.28 to Mar.2, at its IS Conference Hall in the campus.'

Addressing media persons at Patrakarthara Bhavan recently, JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar said that "More than 25 invited speakers will be presenting their research findings during the conference. Out of 260 scholarly articles received, 135 articles have been selected for oral presentation and 100 for poster presentation."

Professor of University of Saskatchewan, Canada, Dr. Lee Wilson will inaugurate the conference on Feb. 28 at 10.30 am. Joint Advisor, CPHEEO, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Dr. V. K. Chaurasia will deliver the keynote address. Director, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi, Dr. Ashok Babu and Joint Director Dr. Sabita Madhvi Singh will be the guests of honour.

Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar will preside over the inaugural function. SJCE Principal and Dean (Engg and Tech) Dr. S. B. Kivade will be present.

The Conference will witness plenary lectures by renowned scientists like Dr. M.V. Reddy from Nouveau Monde Graphite, Canada, Director of Jain University, Bengaluru, Prof. R. Geetha Balakrishna, Vice-Chancellor of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, Dr. Surinder Singh and Director of Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, Prof. S. M. Shivaprasad.

Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore, Prof. K.S. Rangappa will be the chief guest for valedictory ceremony on Mar.2 at 3.30 pm. Director of Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Dharwad, Prof. S. M. Shivaprasad and Dean (Academics), Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur, will be the guests of honour. Professor and Dean of Science, Dr. P. Mallu, Convener of the Conference, will also be present.

SJCE Principal and Dean (Engg and Tech) Dr. S. B. Kivade, Dr. Anantha Padmanabha and Dr. P. Mallu were present during the press conference.

REALLY...?

- ***Frogs have a 360° visual range:*** *The eyes of a frog are made and positioned in such a way that at any given moment they can see everything around them, including what is behind them. As if this did not make them difficult enough to sneak up on, frogs also sleep with both of their eyes open.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A husband and wife had a fight.
Wife called her mom: *"He fought with me again, I am coming to stay with you."*
Mom: *"No dear, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to stay with you!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.93
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.58
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.41

VOICE OF THE READER

Busy traffic on Bogadi 2nd Stage road worries pedestrians

Sir,

The Bogadi road that goes straight from the bridge is always busy with traffic — what with school buses, two-wheelers and four-wheelers.

There is no end to the non-stop movement of vehicles. How to cross the road? Well, it is a nightmare. After a few accidents, the Police have installed barricades. I thought senior citizens like me and small kids can cross the road without fear. But to my utter dismay, I find it has become bad to worse. People are in a tearing hurry to pass through. They don't even slow down near the barricades. Why do they have to go in such a hurry? Hope the Traffic Cops will please do something about it.

—Komala

Bogadi 6.2.2023

'Sakhi Sambhram' on Mar. 12 to celebrate Women's Day

Mysuru, Feb. 27- As part of International Women's Day celebrations (Mar. 8), Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust have organised 'Sakhi Sambhram' on Mar. 12 (Sunday) at Nrupatunga Kannada School premises in Ramakrishnanagar here.

Rangoli competition, vegetable carving competition, desi drink competition and cake eating competition will be held from 10.30 am on that day.

A Food and Craft Fair is also organised to encourage women empowerment.

There will be cultural programme by various women's teams. The valedictory function and prize distribution will be held at 5 pm.

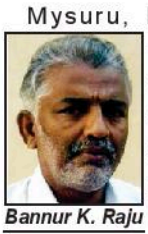
Those interested in participating in the fair can register for stalls before Mar 1. For more information contact Mob: 8310306882 or 9964790442, according to a press release from Gayathri Sundaresh.

NAREDCO Awards-2023 distribution tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (SSM) - The National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Mysuru, has organised a programme to present NAREDCO Awards-2023 at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city tomorrow at 7 pm.

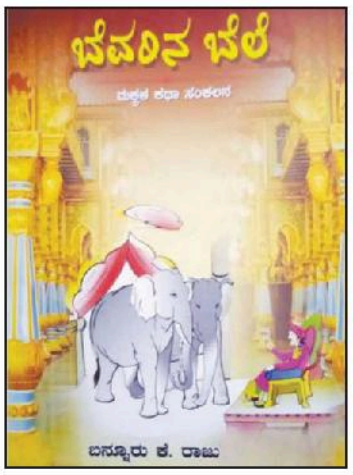
Mayor Shivakumar, Mysore royal family member Kamakshidevi Wadiyar, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman Yashaswi S. Somashekar, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, NAREDCO National President Rajan Bhandelkar and NAREDCO National South Division Vice-President Prem Kumar will be present on the occasion. For details, call Mob: 99016-32020.

Sahitya Parishat Endowment Award for Writer Bannur Raju



Bannur K. Raju

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (TRR) - Writer and columnist Bannur K. Raju has been selected for this year's 'Sri Sarangi Venkataramaiah Srinivasarao Endowment Award,' for his book *'Bevarina Bele,'* a collection of short stories for children, says a press release issued by Kannada Sahitya Parishat State President Dr. Mahesh Joshi.



The award will be presented to him on Mar.12 (Sunday), at a function slated to be held at Sri Krishnaraja Parishanmandira, in the premises of Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru.

Bannur Raju has written more than 100 books on a wide range of subjects which include story, novel, poetry, plays, vachana, review of books, essay, column writing, edition and research. He has also written more than 6,000 separate articles.

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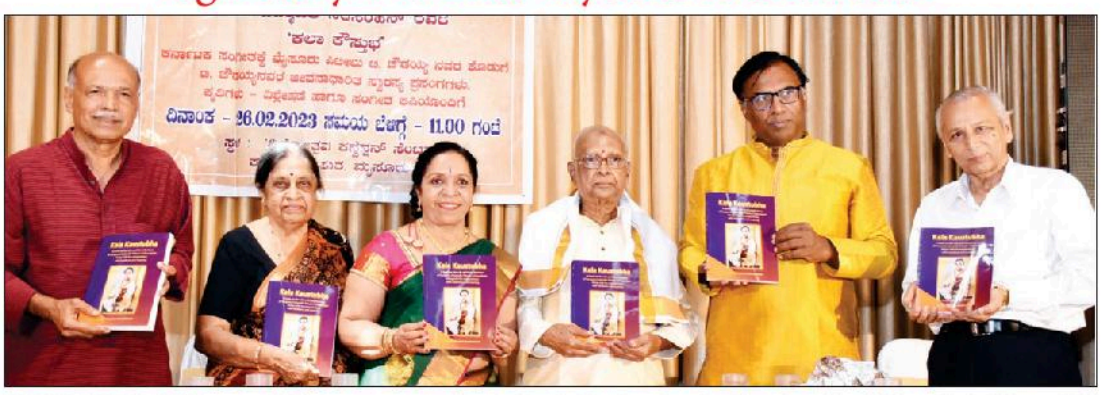
'Piteel Chowdiah has made invaluable contribution for Karnatak music'

Renowned musician Chitraveena N. Ravikiran releases 'Kala Kaustubha,' a book on the life and contribution of legendary Violinist Mysore T. Chowdiah



FROM LEFT: ***Writer and Entrepreneur Captain G.R. Gopinath, Senior disciple of T. Chowdiah Dr. Anasuya Kulkarni, author Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan, Senior mridangist A.V. Anand, Chitraveena N. Ravikiran and Sanskrit scholar & Columnist Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao seen releasing the book 'Kala Kaustubha' at Nityotsava Convention Hall in city yesterday.***

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Noted Musician Sangeet Samrat Chitraveena N. Ravikiran said that legendary violinist Piteel Chowdaiah had made invaluable contribution for Karnatak music.

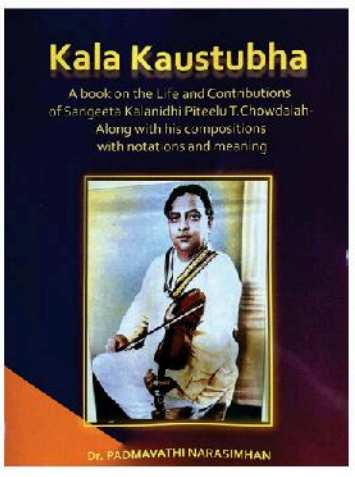
He was speaking after releasing the book 'Kala Kaustubha,' an English work on the life and contribution of legendary Violinist Mysore T. Chowdiah authored by *SOM* music critic Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan at a programme held at Nityotsava Convention Hall near Ballal Circle in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday.

'Kala Kaustubha' includes the life and biography of Chowdiah with interesting anecdotes and some rare photographs, a detailed description of his innovation — the seven stringed violin — the violinists who played the seven stringed violin during Chowdiah's period and afterwards and an elaborate analysis of each of his 33 available compositions with notations. Maintaining that T. Chowdiah was a legend of Karnatak music, Ravikiran said that Dr. Padmavathi has come up with an excellent book on such a great Violin Maestro.

Observing that the book written in English will help in propagating Chowdiah's contributions to music to the entire world, he said that Karnatak music has enriched its melody, thanks to the efforts of Chowdiah and others of his times.

"Karnatak music has not been evolved by only one and there are many musicians who are behind its birth and growth. But it is regretful to note that many among the younger generation have little knowledge of musical stalwarts. Mastering violin needs a special mental and physical effort," he said adding that Chowdiah was a complete musician in all respects.

"Piteel Chowdiah died a few days after my birth. I feel it is a great loss to me as I did not get a chance to train under him.


Kala Kaustubha
A book on the Life and Contributions of Sangeeta Kalanidhi Piteelu T.Chowdaiah
Along with his compositions with notations and meaning
Dr. PADMAVATHI NARASIMHAN

My family had good relations with the family of Chowdiah," Ravikiran said.

Gaana Kala Bhushana Dr. Anasuya Kulkarni, a senior disciple of T. Chowdiah, who spoke on the book, said she was indebted for getting a chance to speak about a book on her Guru.

Recalling that she came in contact with T. Chowdiah during a concert in which the legendary musician was a judge, she said that only later she learnt that her family maintained a close association with Chowdiah's family. Pointing out that the book is written in a simple language, she said that the book can be understood by even those who have little knowledge of music.

Senior mridangist Vidwan A.V. Anand, who presided, said that Chowdiah was a very close associate of his (Anand) Guru K.S. Manjunath.

"Chowdiah always used to encourage me along with my Guru. A God-fearing person, the Violin Maestro gave me an opportunity to play mridanga at one of his concerts when I was just 11 years of age, for which I am ever grateful," he said.

Earlier, the rendition of three works of Piteel Chowdaiah by the author Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan and other musicians was uploaded on YouTube and a CD on 'Godastuthi' (Singer - Koviladi Archana L. Rao) was released on the occasion.

Writer, Columnist, Entreprenuer and a retired Captain of the Indian Army, Captain G.R. Gopinath, reputed Sanskrit scholar and Columnist Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, author Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan and others were present.

Seven stringed violin concert

Vidu. Jyotsna Manjunath seen presenting a seven stringed violin concert at Nityotsava Convention Hall in city yesterday. She was accompanied by P. Nataraj on mridanga.

Prior to 'Kala Kaustubha' book release event, Vidu. Jyotsna Manjunath, who is the only seven stringed violinist today, gave a violin recital. It may be mentioned, during concerts, T. Chowdiah had observed that people who sat in the back rows could not hear his recital properly and this was due to the fact that during his time, sound amplification devices were non-existent. To overcome this shortcoming, he developed an innovative idea and added three more strings to his four-stringed violin, and began to practice on it. From then onwards in all his concerts he used his improvised seven stringed violin."

NEWS BRIEFS

Appointed

MLC C.N. Manjegowda has been appointed as the JD(S) State Spokesperson by JD(S) State President C.M. Ibrahim to study the current affairs and produce relevant documents and data during media discussions.

G.V. Seetharamu has been appointed as the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Media & Communication Spokesperson as per the order from KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar and MLA and Chairman of KPCC Media and Communication Priyank Kharge.

Syed Ifthkar, son of late Syed Mohammed Hussain, a resident of Irwin Road Cross, has been appointed as the Secretary of the Managing Committee for the management of The Lakka Shah Vali Makan on Irwin Road, Mysuru, for a period of three years or until further orders, according to an order from Additional Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka State Board of Auqaf, dated 23.1.2023.

Ph.D awardee

Sharadamma has been awarded Ph.D in Kanada by the University of Madras for her thesis '21ne Shathamanda Kadambarigalalli Mahila Samvedane (2011rinda 2020ra Varegina Kadambarigalannu Anulakshisi)' submitted under the supervision of Dr. Tamil Selvi.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	**124.80** feet
Today	:	**107.42** feet
Inflow	:	**287** cusecs
Outflow	:	**4,316** cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,859.00** feet
Today	:	**2,828.32** feet
Inflow	:	**91** cusecs
Outflow	:	**90** cusecs

New cameras linked to traffic command centre

Top Police officers check the traffic automation command centre at City Police Commissioner's Office

Mysuru City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, DCPs M. Muthuraj (Law and Order) and S. Jahnavi (Crime and Traffic) at the traffic automation command centre.

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (RK&BCT)- The 50 new and additional hi-tech, high-definition (HD) and night vision Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras that have been installed at 25 points in the city including the entry and exit points have been linked to the traffic automation command centre at the Office of the City Police Commissioner.

This is in addition to the 58 CCTV cameras that are already functioning from various vantage points. All 108 cameras relay visuals to the command centre where giant screens have been set up for continuous monitoring and surveillance.

With the induction of 50 more cameras, the Mysuru City Police have an expanded network to monitor now. The project was initiated by former City Police Commissioner Dr. M.A. Saleem, who currently heads the Bengaluru Traffic Police as Special Commissioner of Police, Traffic.

The City Police are committed to providing safe roads and ensuring compliance with the laws relating to the speed limits for motor vehicles which is an integral part of this vision. Though there are very stringent laws, voluntary compliance with the same is not very high.

This particular automation project was envisaged as an enforcement system that would improve compliance with the stipulated laws over a period of time and thereby making the transport infrastructure safer and more efficient. Accordingly, the City Police are leveraging state-of-the-art technologies to build an electronic monitoring and enforcement system that is highly accurate and coordinates with all stakeholders in real time. The system will capture violations at jurisdictional limits and visuals are sent to the central monitoring centre or the command centre.

Challans are being generated here for traffic violations and sent to vehicle owners after manual verification. "The monitoring is done constantly and the high-definition cameras are sending visuals to the command centre and are assisting us in preventing crime. Even undetectable cases like hit-and-run are being detected now and the perpetrators are being brought to book now," City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh told *Star of Mysore*.

These cameras can read/ verify the licence plate number of vehicles and the system then generates automated e-challans for vehicles violating the traffic rules detected. Criminals and habitual traffic offenders will now have a tough time roaming Mysuru city.

"The system springs to action whenever violations are recorded with regards to speed, riding without a helmet, speaking over the phone while driving, one-way rule violation and signal jumping," Ramesh added.

Four arrested for smuggling whale vomit

Ambergris weighing 4.950 kg worth crores of rupees seized

Kollegal, Feb. 27- Kollegal CID Forest Mobile Squad Police have arrested four persons who were smuggling ambergris (Whale vomit) and have seized 4.950 kg ambergris worth crores of rupees and a car used for the illegal transportation.

Those arrested are 48-year-old Shamsuddin Otion of Nadapura village, 55-year-old Taiseema Varchase alias Suja of Changaseri village and 41-year-old Saji Subhas of Kalluppillakere village, all in Kerala and 62-year-old Virupaksha of Tiptur taluk in Tumakuru district.

Details: All the four accused, in a bid to sell ambergris, were proceeding in the car from Kerala to Bengaluru on Saturday and stopped the car for refreshments at a hotel near Kollegal Bus Stand. But the Kollegal CID Forest Mobile Squad sleuths, who had a tip off about ambergris smuggling, raided the spot, arrested the four accused.

Cases have been registered against the four accused under Wildlife Protection Act 2(32), 39(B)(D), 49, 50 and 51. Sub-Inspector Vijayaraj, Head Constables Ramachandra, Swamy, Takhiulla, Shankar, Basavaraju, M.G. Basavaraju and Prabhakar took part in the operation.

Ambergris is produced in the digestive system of sperm whales. It is a waxy, solid, combustible substance made in the whale's intestines that is utilised in cosmetics and medications.

Ambergris, ambergrease or grey amber, is a solid, waxy, flammable substance of a dull grey or blackish colour produced in the digestive system of sperm whales. Freshly produced ambergris has a marine, fecal odour. It acquires a sweet, earthy scent as it ages, commonly likened to the fragrance of isopropyl alcohol without the vaporous chemical astringency.

Ambergris has been highly valued by perfume makers as a fixative that allows the scent to endure much longer, although it has been mostly replaced by synthetic ambroxide. Since ancient times, ambergris has been used in fragrances and high-end perfumes, as well as in various traditional medicines, which is why it is sold at very high price. In India, sale or possession of ambergris is illegal under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti, Jatra Mahotsav celebrations conclude

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (SPN&TRR)- With a grand and colourful procession of the portraits of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Sri Sharadadevi and Swami Vivekananda, curtains were drawn to the celebrations of the 188th birthday of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and the 6 days Jatra Mahotsav held in the city, yesterday.

On the concluding day of the six-day Jatra Mahotsav, jointly organised by Sri Ramakrishna Jatra Mahotsav Committee, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha Mattu Viveka Balaga, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Balaga,Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama and Sri Ramakrishna Samskrutika Mattu Kreeda Samiti at Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle in the city, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji flagged off the procession and conveyed his best wishes.

Two Chariots, one carrying the portrait of Sri Sharadadevi from Sharadevinagar and another carrying the portrait of Vivekananda from Vivekanandanagar passed through in a procession and reached Gadadhar Circle and joined the chariot of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa there and culminated at Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle.

Speaking at a function organised at the Circle, MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said that former MLC D. Madegowda and friends had organised Sri Ramakrishna Jayanti very well and were successful in creating awareness about the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda among the public.

"The humane values propagated by Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa should become the ideals of the present generation. The people of the city still gratefully remember the contributions of Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who built this beautiful city which has further grown in all directions. When D. Madegowda was the Chairman of City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), he formed beautiful layouts like Vivekanandanagar, Sharadadevinagar and Niveditanagar. But his successors failed to give proper attention in the development of city, which resulted in the lack of basic amenities at various layout formed on the outskirts of city," lamented GTD.

Prior to this, former MLC D. Madegowda submitted a memorandum to MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar asking him to reserve an area of 10 acres around the statue of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and to develop the area as a spiritual and tourism centre. The proposed resolution was endorsed by GTD, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah and MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar.

Junior pontiff of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji who also spoke at the function said the many spiritual centres that have been set up in Mysuru have made the city as a spiritual centre.

"May the proposed memorial which is being set up in the name of Swami Vivekananda in Mysuru city become functional soon and the city's reputation as a spiritual centre reach greater heights," the Swamiji said.

Stating that Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa was an *Upasaka* (ardent worshipper) of Goddess Kali, Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji said that when people asked Paramahamsa whether he has seen God and can he show him to others, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa used say that he has seen God and can show it to others, he used to say yes, because he worshipped Kali with a pure heart and had her divine blessings.

"Ramakrishna Paramahamsa was a great Guru who had given *Sanyasa Deeksha* to many students including Swami Vivekananda and ensured that our tradition and ideals are spread across the world. The present generation should follow the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa," the Junior pontiff added.

City's Sri Ramakrishna Ashram's Swami Muktidanandaji, Mysuru Adichunchanagiri Shaka Mutt Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, Tumakuru Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashram President Sri Swami Vivekananda Saraswathi, Amritanandamayi Mutt's Atma Niratamruta Chaitanya, Arabic lecturer Moulana Mufti Syed Tajuddin, Corporator Nirmala Harish, Sri Ramakrishna Jatra Mahotsav Committee President and SUYOG Hospital Founder and Cardiologist Dr. S.P. Yogganna, Ramakrishna Seva Sangha President M. Papegowda, Secretary Dorairaj, Convener Basavanna, Basavalingappa, Basavaraj and Gopinath were present at the function.

Kuvempu's literature is global in nature: Prof. C. Naganna

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (MK&DM)- Noted writer and former University of Mysore Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna said that Kuvempu's literature which is comprehensive in all respects is global in nature and widely accepted.

He was delivering a talk on 'Kuvempu Sahitya Darshana' at Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Jatra Mahotsav jointly organised by Jatra Mahotsava Samiti, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha, Viveka Balaga, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Balaga, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram and Ramakrishna Samskrutika Mattu Kreeda Samiti, at Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle here last Thursday.

Prof. Naganna pointed out that Kuvempu's literature is widely accepted across the globe, because of its valuable thoughts. Noting that Kuvempu's literature has delved on a host of topics such as spiritual, material, religious, social, scientific, academic, ideology, politics, history etc., he said that all of them are expressive in nature and have laid out moral paths for both the national and international community.

Maintaining that Kuvempu was often referred to as 'Nisarga Kavi' (Poet of Nature), he said that the poet laureate had great knowledge of other issues concerned with human life. The books written by Kuvempu on Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Swami Vivekananda and other personalities are widely read across the globe, he added.

Singer Sridevi and team and singer Phanish Hulkerekoppal presented vocal concerts.

Former MLC D. Madegowda, Jatra Mahotsava Samiti President Dr. S.P. Yogganna of Suyog Hospital and others were present.

'Kuvempu may not have reached great heights but for his association with R.K. Ashram'

Prof. M. Krishnegowda

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (MK&DM)- Maintaining that poet Laureate Kuvempu could not have reached great heights in literature but for his association with Mysuru's Sri Ramakrishna Ashram (RK Ashram), retired Kannada Professor and noted Orator Prof. M. Krishnegowda said the poet himself had often told this.

He was delivering a talk on *Kuvempu Darshita Sri Ramakrishnaru Mattu Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama* at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram on KRS Road here on Thursday (Feb. 23), as part of the 188th birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa.

Pointing out that Kuvempu had said that he cannot guess where he would have been had not for the support of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, which he described as *Jaganmaate*, Prof. Krishnegowda said that Kuvempu was greatly influenced by the ideologies of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda.

Calling Ramakrishna Paramahamsa as *Sarvadharma Samanvayacharya*, he said that the great spiritual leader always propagated co-ordination between all communities and religions. Kuvempu was one among the innumerable personalities who were influenced by the philosopher, he added.

"Mysuru's Ramakrishna Ashram has been working silently for the cause of arts, literature, culture and the like for decades. It is important to note here that there will be little noise while constructing a building, but a great noise when it is demolished. The same is the case with Ramakrishna Ashram which is working silently for imparting spiritual and moral education to people and working for global welfare and unity, without making much noise," he noted.

Prof. Krishnegowda likened the current education to a sort of brainwash. Stating that the modern world is madly running behind Science and Technology, he said that at present we are seeing our religion with a scientific mindset just as we are seeking a scientific price for sugarcane.

Singer Nagachandrika Bhat presented a vocal concert on the occasion. She was accompanied by Raghunath on tabla, Gurudutt on rhythm pad and Sharath on keyboard.

First-of-its-kind Circle of Statuary

Master Manjunath (Manjunath Nayaker), Hotelier-Philanthropist P.V. Giri, MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Corporators B.V. Ravindra and M.U. Subbaiah, K.B. Ganapathy and others in front of the statuary after inauguration yesterday. Pic. right shows a section of audience.

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The statues stood there wrapped in tarpaulin for so long that it prompted *Star of Mysore* columnist Vikram Muthanna to write about it in his column ***In Black & White*** titled *'Unwrap Swami & Friends, Now'* which was published in *Star of Mysore's* Anniversary Issue dated Feb.16, 2023. Now the statues have been finally unwrapped.

Tharun Giri, Managing Director of *Windflower Resorts and Spa,* Mysuru, who had sponsored the Circle with statuary, in his welcome address, spoke about the importance of art in public spaces while thanking everyone from the Mysuru City Corporation and the sculptors, who made these statues.

Speaking after inauguration, Manjunath Nayaker said, "R.K. Narayan visualised 'Swami' and I got a rare privilege to enact the role of Swami." He then added that his claim to fame was due to R.K. Narayan's work.

K.B. Ganapathy, who also spoke, said he was happy to know personally both P.V. Giri of Windflower and Siddharta Hotels, whose family sponsored this Circle and writer R.K. Narayan.

"I came in contact with R.K. Narayan during the 'Save Kukkarahalli Lake' movement that I started in 1980s. Since then, I had a good rapport with the writer, until he moved to Coimbatore and then to Chennai."

Ganapathy recalled a couple of interesting interactions he had with R.K. Narayan. Speaking of Narayan's love for *Star of Mysore*, he mentioned that the writer would get copies of *Star of Mysore* mailed to his Coimbatore address and later to Chennai.

Sharing an interesting incident, Ganapathy said, "Once I had quoted a line from R.K. Narayan's autobiography *'My Days'* in my column *Abracadabra.* After a week, I got a postcard from R.K. Narayan saying that I had used the lines from his autobiography without his permission and not to repeat it henceforth. Thank God Narayan didn't ask for any royalty for publishing those lines," sending the gathering into peels of laughter.

Ganapathy also lauded the philanthropy of Hotelier P.V. Giri and his son Tharun Giri and said the donation of this Statuary Circle was one more contribution of Giri's family to the community.

Later, addressing the gathering, P.V. Giri said, "Our family is related to art. I remember when I started building Hotel Siddharta, my wife was sourcing artwork for the hotel. We also have several art collections at home." He then spoke about giving back to the city and community what he had received from them.

MP Pratap Simha spoke about the importance of art and literature and their power to inspire. "R.K. Narayan's literary works like *Swami & Friends, The English Teacher, Bachelor of Arts* and several others remain etched in our memory, which shows how the writer continues to live on, even after his death (in 2001)," he said.

Continuing, the MP said, "I haven't met R.K. Narayan but have met another literary giant of Mysuru Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, numerous times and every time I ask about the awards that he has been denied, he says 'it is only through literary works that a writer can be immortal. It is not through awards.' I am sure R.K. Narayan's literary works would endure for generations to come."

Later, Sculptors M.D. Raviraj, Gururaj S. Nayak, assistants S. Basavaraj, S. Anand and Nagaraj were felicitated.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Corporators B.V. Ravindra, Pramila J. Bharat and M.U. Subbaiah were present. S.K. Dinesh, Convenor of Yadavagiri Residents Association, moderated the programme.

PM opens lotus-shaped Shivamogga Airport

Modi praises B.S. Yediyurappa for humility despite reaching heights of success

Shivamogga, Feb. 27 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Shivamogga Airport this morning in a boost to connectivity and accessibility of the Karnataka city and other neighbouring areas in the Malnad region.

The new airport, with a lotus-shaped terminal, has been developed at a cost of around Rs. 450 crore and the passenger terminal can handle 300 travellers every hour. The inauguration took place in poll-bound Karnataka amid a huge crowd and the presence of several State and Union Ministers like Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former CM B.S Yediyurappa and Pralhad Joshi among others.

This is a dream project of Yediyurappa and has been built under UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagarik) scheme by the Central Government. Prior to the inauguration, PM Modi inspected the airport model.

The airport, which is named after Jnanpith award recipient poet and writer Kuvempu can handle 7,200 passengers on a daily basis. It is the 9th airport in Karnataka and has the longest runway after Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

Incidentally, Yediyurappa is celebrating his 80th birthday and praising the senior BJP leader, PM Modi said, "Today is special for one more reason. It's the birthday of Karnataka's popular leader Yediyurappa. I pray for his long life. He dedicated his life to the welfare of poor people, and farmers. His speech in the Karnataka Assembly last week is an inspiration for everyone leading a public life."

"Even after reaching the heights of success, how there should be humility in one's behaviour — this speech of Yediyurappa and his life has always been inspiring for people like us and even for generations to come," he added.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of multiple projects at Shivamogga, including two railway projects — Shivamogga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur new Railway line and Koteganguru Railway Coaching Depot.

The new railway line, aimed at enhanced connectivity of the Malnad region with the Bengaluru-Mumbai mainline, is estimated to be developed at a cost of Rs. 990 crore. The new Coaching Depot at Shivamogga will help start new trains from Shivamogga and decongest maintenance facilities at Bengaluru and Mysuru, according to a statement.

Later in the day, PM Modi will also lay the foundation stone for multiple road development projects estimated at over Rs. 215 crore.

The PM will later fly to Belagavi where he will hold a road show and inaugurate the redeveloped Railway Station with world-class amenities.

PM Modi praises Kollegal writer for his 'Malagu Kanda' lullaby

Lullaby wins first prize of Rs. 6 lakh in All India Contest

New Delhi, Feb. 27 (Agencies)- In his 98th episode of his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on All India Radio, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday praised a Kollegal writer who won the first prize in the lullaby writing contest that was organised by the Union Ministry of Culture.

B.M. Manjunath

B.M. Manjunath, who works as a LIC agent, received the award for 'Malagu Kanda', a lullaby written in Kannada.

"Friends, in the lullaby writing competition, the first prize has been won by B.M. Manjunath ji of Chamarajanagar district in Karnataka. He received this award for his lullaby 'Malagu Kanda' written in Kannada. He got the inspiration to write this from the lullabies sung by his mother and grandmother. Listen to it, you will enjoy it too," PM Modi said.

Manjunath, 59, hails from Balahunase village and he works as a LIC agent. All-India devotional song, lullaby and rangoli contests were organised by the Union Ministry of Culture as part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* and on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birthday (Ekta Diwas).

Manjunath won Rs. 6 lakh and a citation as part of the award. More than five lakh people participated in the competitions across the country. First stanza of the 35-second sound clip translated to English reads: "Sleep, sleep, baby, Sleep, my smart darling, The day is gone and it is dark, The goddess of sleep will arrive, From the garden of the stars, Will carve out dreams for you! Go to sleep, Go to sleep, Jojo...jo..jo… Jojo...jo..jo.."

Dinesh Gowala, a resident of Kamrup district in Assam, won the second prize in this competition. His lullaby reflects the popular craft of the artisans who make clay and pot vessels locally.

An elated Manjunath said that the award and the mention of PM Modi in his monthly radio address was one of the biggest moments of his life. "Lullabies sung by my mother and grandmother were the inspirations for me to write," he said. "Initially when I started receiving calls, I did not answer as I feared that they might be fraudulent calls intended to wipe off my bank accounts. Later, my son told me those were calls from the Ministry of Culture," he said.

Manjunath has published two books till date.

Manjunath's poem

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ನಿದಿರೆ ದೇವಿ ಬರುವಳಯ್ಯ
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ಸುಳಿದ ಏಳೊ ಅಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ
ಕಂದ ಕೇಳೋ ನಿನದೆ ಧ್ಯಾನ
ಹಾಳು ಮೂಳು ಕಣ್ಣು ತಾಗಿ
ಉದರಬೇನೆ ಬಾರದಿರಲಿ
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BSY greeted on his 80th birthday

Varuna Constituency BJP leader and former Chairman of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) L.R. Mahadevaswamy seen felicitating senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) with a garland made of silk cocoons, a shawl and a silver mace on the occasion of BSY's 80th birthday at his Shivamogga residence this morning. He also sought Yediyurappa's blessings on the occasion. MyMUL Director S.C. Ashok, leaders Shankar Rao and Hemanth were also present.

MPVL's financial help for girls hostel

Mysuru, Feb. 27- As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding, the city's Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL) donated funds for the building repair of Akkamahadevi Girl Students Hostel, which is being run by the city's Chitkala Pratishtana at Alanahalli for the past 16 years. MPVL Chairman Kautilya R. Raghu presented the cheque to the Pratishtana's G. Basavaraju, who is a former SP.

On the occasion, the Pratishtana honoured Kautilya Raghu for the financial assistance provided by MPVL under CSR.

Karnataka Government Employees Housing Society President Mahesh, Women and Child Development Department Director Renuka Raju, BJP leader Suttur Srikantamurthy and others were present.

'Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra' from March 1

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (DM)- With Assembly polls fast approaching, the BJP has planned to intensify its poll campaign with the launch of Vijaya Sankalpa Yatras at four places in the State starting from March 1.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra, who is also the Mysuru Divisional Convenor of the 'Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra,' said that the Yatra will kick start at M.M. Hills in Chamarajanagar on Mar. 1, with BJP National President J.P. Nadda flagging off the Yatra at 11 am on that day. The launch will be followed by a mega public rally at Hanur, where about 20,000 people are expected to take part, he said.

Ministers V. Somanna, V. Sunil Kumar, Kota Srinivas Poojari, Araga Jnanendra and K. Gopalaiah, MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, MLAs K.S. Eshwarappa and N. Mahesh, State BJP Vice-President Nirmal Kumar Surana and other top leaders will take part, he added.

Continuing, Rajendra said that the Yatra, in the first two days (Mar. 1 and 2) will cover Hanur, Kollegal, Chamarajanagar, Gundlupet and Nanjangud taluks and in the next three days (Mar.3, 4 & 5), will cover Mysuru city and district. Later, the Yatra will travel through the districts of Mandya, Hassan, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chikkamagalur and Shivamogga, before reaching Davanagere where a massive rally will be held in which lakhs of people will take part.

Pointing out that the BJP has a strong and assertive leader like PM Modi, Rajendra took a dig at the Congress saying that the party will not be able to fetch votes even if that party leaders like Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi campaign.

Maintaining that the BJP Yatra will focus on educating the public on the BJP's programmes and plans, he said that the party has aimed to win at least 15 Assembly segments in old Mysuru region where the party base is not strong. The BJP will seek votes in the name of development, he added.

Obituary

Francis Xavier Pinto

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Francis Xavier Pinto (80), an ex-Serviceman and a resident of BEML Layout in Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife a Leticia Pinto, two daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, this afternoon followed by the burial at the Catholic Cemetery in Vidyaranyapuram.

Kalamanda S. Nanaiah

Kalamanda S. Nanaiah (84), a resident on No. 1, Shankaranagar in Srirampura, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife K.S. Thayakki, three sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this noon, according to family sources.

Nagaraju

Nanjangud: Nagaraju (67), a resident of the town, passed away yesterday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Lingabhattara Gudi Burial Grounds this morning.

CII Mysuru Zone's Annual Meeting

Mysuru, Feb. 27- CII Mysuru Zone has organised the Annual Meeting 2022-23 with the theme 'Sustainability - The way forward' on Feb. 28 from 10.30 am to 1 pm at Hotel Radisson Blu on M.G. Road in city. Yaduveer Wadiyar of Mysuru royal family and DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra will be the chief guests. [Mob: 98447-85965]

Entrepreneurship Development Prog. for rural women at Nagawala tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 27- Nagawala Gram Panchayat (GP), Nagawala and Women In Small Enterprise (WISE), a women wing of Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI), have organised an Entrepreneurship Development Programme for rural women at GP Training Centre in Nagawala tomorrow (Feb. 28) at 10.30 am.

C. Narendra, President, Nagawala GP, will inaugurate. K.B. Lingaraju, President, MCCI, Mysuru, will be the chief guest. Dr. Shobha Rani, Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), Nagawala GP, will be the guest of honour. T.A. Vasantha Kumari, President, WISE, will preside.

Dakshina Kannada emerges Champion in State-level Athletics Meet

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (GA&DM)- Dakshina Kannada district bagged the overall prize in the 4-day State-level Athletics Meet for U-14 and U-17 students which concluded at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad on Feb. 22.

In the U-14 category, Dakshina Kannada team won 7 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals with a points tally of 62 while in the U-17 category they bagged 8 Gold, 5 Silver and 3 Bronze medals with a points tally of 63.

In the U-14 Boys category, Annappa of Kolar bagged the Individual Championship by winning Gold Medal in High Jump, Discus Throw and Shot-Put (11 points).

In the U-14 Girls category, Chetana Bhaskar of Bengaluru North bagged the Individual Championship winning Gold Medal in 100 & 200 mts Running Race and High Jump (15 points).

In the U-17 Boys category, Asmit A. Salian of DK district won the Individual Championship by winning Gold Medal in 100 & 200 mts Running Race (10 points).

In the U-17 Girls category, Pranati of Bengaluru (Gold in 1500 mts and 3000 mts Running) and Shilpa Hosamani of Dharwad (Gold in 400 mts and 800 mts Running) shared the Individual Championship by scoring 10 points each.

DDPI Ramachandra Raje Urs, BEOs Uday Kumar and Krishna, District Physical Education Officer S. Siddaraju and others were present. ISKCON representative Vishnu Prabhu and Social Worker Shanta Ramakrishna, who provided lunch for the participants for three days, were felicitated jointly by the Dept. of Public Instruction and the District Administration on the occasion.

Mysuru master athletes excel at Nationals

World Masters Athletics Association Honorary Stan Perkins** (second from right) **is seen with prize-winning athletes of Mysuru** (from left) **H.M. Sujatha, S. Mahadevu and Madappa Yogendra.

Mysuru, Feb. 27- The following Mysuru athletes have excelled in the 43rd National Masters Athletics Championships held at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata, from Feb. 13 to 19 by representing Karnataka State:

Madappa Yogendra has won Silver Medal in 2000 mts Steeplechase Running Race (60+) and Bronze Medal in 4x400 mts Relay Race; **H.M. Sujatha** has won Gold Medal in Shot-Put (65+) and **S. Mahadevu** has won two Bronze Medals in 400 mts Running Race and 4x400 mts Relay Race (70).

Medals were given away by World Masters Athletics Association Honorary Stan Perkins.

Medal-winning Karatekas

***Karatekas of I Can International School, Mysuru, took part in IMGKA National Level Karate Championship on February 11 and have bagged Medals. Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Hayagreev - Bronze in Kata, Aaban - Bronze in Kata, Manya Sri Sarvani - Silver in Kata, School Head Captain Audrey Maben, Sensei Prajwal - Coach, Abia - Gold in Kata and Kumite, Sana - Gold in Kumite, Manya - Gold in Kata and Silver in Kumite, Kashvi - Silver in Kata** (not in picture).*

Winners of K.G. Subramanya Swamy Memorial Chirag Trophy 'C' Division

The players of Vijayanagar Football Club, Mysuru, who won the K.G. Subramanya Swamy (Puppy) Memorial Chirag Trophy 2022-23 'C' Division League Football Tournament held at University Football Grounds recently, are seen receiving the trophy from the guests during the prize distribution ceremony. Picture alongside shows the runners team — Challenge Union FC, Mysuru. Best Players of the Tournament: Goal-keeper - Dhanush (Vijayanagar FC); Defender - Adithya (Pope FC); Mid-Fielder - Adhisilo (Challenge FC); Striker - Danish (Mysore Hunters FC). Kusuma Subramanya Swamy, Prajwaldeep and Pranaytej (wife and sons of late K.G. Subramanya Swamy), Kushal Kumar (Chairman, MDFA), L. Manjunath (Secretary, MDFA), P. Anand (Treasurer, MDFA), all Committee Members of MDFA, Governing Board Members and Referees were present during the prize distribution ceremony.

'Meri Aawaaz Hi Pehchaan Hai' Musical Nite enthrals audience

FROM LEFT: ***Noted playback singer and Music Director N.J. Ravishekar Rajamaga and Suma Prakash; Latha Hemchandra and Hemchandra Raju; Rtn. D. Ashok performing during 'Meri Aawaaz Hi Pehchaan Hai' musical nite at B.N. Bahadur Institute Auditorium on Hunsur Road in city on Saturday.***

Mysuru, Feb. 27- A Musical Nite titled 'Meri Aawaaz Hi Pehchaan Hai' was organised by the Rotary Club of Mysore East at B.N. Bahadur Institute Auditorium on Hunsur Road in city on Saturday (Feb. 25) as a fund-raising programme in aid of upliftment of the tribal village and school at Hirehalli Haadi village, H.D. Kote taluk.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. G. Pushpalatha, 'A' Top Grade Music Composer, AIR, Mysuru, by rendering invocation and lighting the lamp accompanied by Assistant Governors of Rotary Zone-7 Rtn. Balachandar and Rtn. Venkatesh, along with Club President Rtn. Elizabeth Shakunthala and Secretary Rtn. Latha Kumar.

Noted playback singer and Music Director N.J. Ravishekar Rajamaga enthralled the audience with the theme song 'Meri aawaaz hi pehchaan hai' from the movie *Gharonda* along with his co-singer Suma Prakash.

The duo also rendered soulful duets of yesteryears like 'O Priyatama...' and 'Ellelli nodali...' Ravishekar's 'Aaraadisuve madanaari...' song from the movie *Babruvahana* kept the audience spell-bound.

The younger generation crowd was kept entertained by the new trending Arijith Singh's songs sung by Mysuru's own upcoming playback singer B.R. Aalaap.

Hemchandra Raju rendered soulful songs like 'Omkara nadanu...' and 'Singara siriye...' from the movie *Kantara* along with Latha Hemchandra.

These singers were ably supported by Rtn. D. Ashok, who sang Kishore Kumar's numbers like 'Zindagi ke safar mein...' and 'Jeevan ke din...' while Rtn. Renu Yamdagni sang 'Ghode pe sawaar...' and 'Ye dil aur unki...'

The entire programme was compered by MC Roopashree.

'Junction-in Concert' at Jaganmohan Palace

Dr. Mysore Manjunath on violin, Rafique Khan on sitar, Bruthuva Caleb on bass guitar and Vivek Santosh on keyboard presenting 'Junction-in Concert' at Jaganmohan Palace Auditorium in city last evening as part of Fusion Music Festival organised by Mysore Music Association in memory of its Founder Sr. John D' Britto. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Pramath Kiran on drums too were part of the concert.

'Prekshana' Inter-College Art Expo held

Mysuru, Feb. 27- The Art Club of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW) had organised a one-day inter-college art exhibition 'Prekshana' at its Seminar Hall recently.

Chief guest K.S. Subhash, Artist at the Hobby Place, Mysuru, inaugurated the event which provided artists a common platform to display their art works. There were displays of paintings, charcoal arts, paper models, mandala arts, etc.

Subhash glanced at all the artworks and interacted with the students and gave appreciations and suggestions to them. Total of 60 students from GSSIETW and other colleges in Mysuru city had participated in the event. The best four art pieces of the event were chosen.

Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, presided over the event. Faculties of GSSSIETW and more than 200 students appreciated the artworks.

The Art Club also distributed the soft copy of the 'Certificate of Appreciation' to all the participants. Visitors also enjoyed the games and sales arranged by the Club.

The best four art works of 'Prekshana,' a one-day inter-college art exhibition held at GSSSIETW in city recently.

K.S. Subhash, Artist at the Hobby Place, Mysuru** (seated - in black outfit) **is seen with Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, B.S. Manasa, Assistant Professor, Physics Department and Art Club Co-ordinator, M.S. Swathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, GSSSIETW, Mysuru and Art Club office-bearers.

WORD OF THE DAY

Onerous

Pronunciation: AH-nuh-rus.
Meaning: Onerous means "involving, imposing, or constituting a burden." It typically describes something that is difficult and unpleasant to do or deal with.
Origin: Not to go too heavy on the etymology, but the story behind onerous is at once straightforward and, dare we say, poetic. But perhaps that's putting the cart before the horse. Onerous rolled into the English language during the 14th century, via Middle French, from the Latin adjective onerosus, "burdensome." That word, in turn, was hitched to the noun onus, meaning "burden". Onus shares an ancient root with the Sanskrit word anas, meaning "cart." So although onerous stresses a sense of laboriousness and often figurative heaviness (especially because something is distasteful, for example, "the onerous task of cleaning up the mess"), it has a deep connection with a literal weight borne by a person, horse, or other beast of burden.
Example: "Before the recent removal of quarantine measures, many workers had expressed frustration over the city's onerous travel restrictions, which at one point required up to 21 days of hotel quarantine." — Michelle Toh

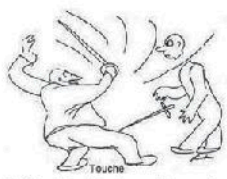
THE ODD WORD

Obstreperous

Noisy; unruly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Off with his head



Meaning: Literal meaning. That is, 'Chop off his head'. It is now usually used humorously as a means of mildly reproaching someone.
Origin: Shakespeare used the phrase many times in his plays and we can find no record of any earlier usage; for example, in Henry VI Part III, 1592:
QUEEN MARGARET:
Off with his head, and set it on York gates;
So York may overlook the town of York.
Off with her head: Lewis Carroll became the best-known user of the phrase when he included it in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, (published 1865), The Queen of Hearts shrieks the phrase several times in the story - in fact she doesn't say a great deal else:
The players all played at once without waiting for turns, quarrelling all the while, and fighting for the hedgehogs; and in a very short time the Queen was in a furious passion, and went stamping about, and shouting' Off with his head!' or 'Off with her head!' about once in a minute.

QUOTE BOX

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.—**Albert Einstein**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

i i
BAG BAG

Answer :Bags under the eyes.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Mariners
5 Hindu ascetic
9 Title of a knight
12 Siouan Indian
13 Impetuous ardour
14 Owns
15 A type of seabird
16 Flying vehicle
18 Musically brisk
20 Frequently
21 Scam
22 Forge
25 Panorama
28 Thomas Alva Edison's initials
29 Water in France
30 Taverns
31 Passing vogue or fashion
32 Stiffly formal
33 Long period of time
34 Animal's foot
35 Port and city in Iraq
36 Bypass; deviation
38 An ingot for, perhaps, Laver or Steiger
39 Pre-LCD TV technology
40 Legal authority
44 Disliked intensely
47 Do not beard it in its own den?
48 Speak falsely or utter untruth knowingly, as with intent to deceive
49 "Othello" villain
50 Cube inventor Rubik
51 Limited, in short
52 Cannon of "Heaven Can Wait"
53 Nav. readings

DOWN
1 Ancient Roman garment
2 Ex-Delhi paceman Wasan
3 Turn over and over
4 Chooses
5 Long for
6 Medley or mixture of sorts
7 Needlefish
8 Revenue
9 Breaks into fragments
10 Our air-force in short
11 Q-U connectors
17 Request For Inf.
19 Tibetan gazelle
22 Causing sorrow
23 Locks
24 Arizona city
25 Competed
26 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
27 Seized or grabbed
28 Shoot a marble
31 At a great distance
32 Propels a canoe or rows gently
34 Foul or noxious, very unpleasant
35 Good for Guillaume
37 Spanish gold
38 Radioactive inert gas
40 One million: 'pref.'
41 Light breezes
42 Quality of musical sound
43 "Nose" anagram for Adam's grandson?
44 Everybody
45 Small piece
46 Beam of sunlight

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

I	R	I	S	■	A	S	O	■	S	M	O	G
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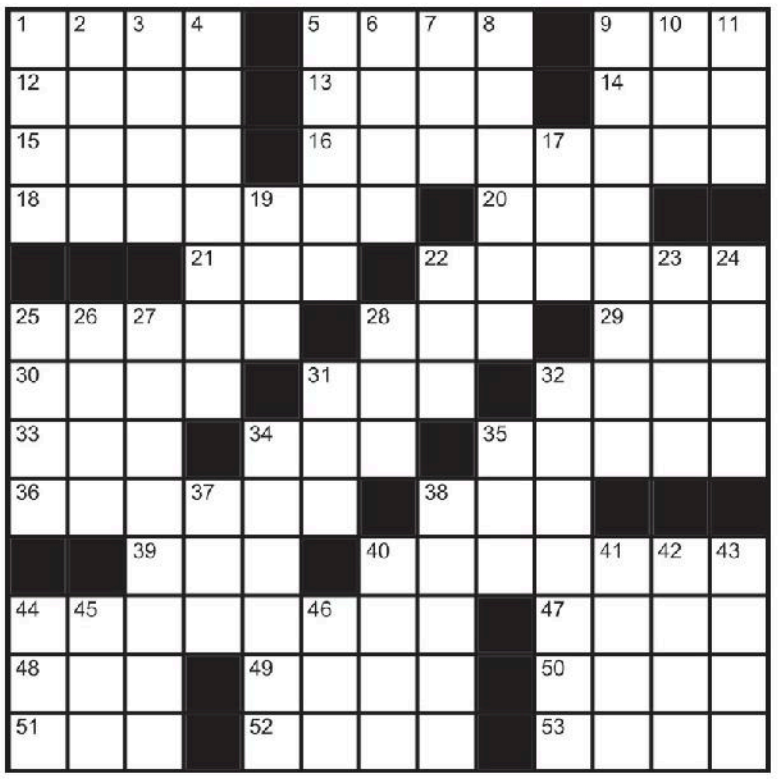

SUDOKU

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		1			3	7		
					9			8

Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	4	5	3	6	1	2	9
5	9	3	7	2	1	8	4	6
2	6	1	9	4	8	3	5	7
8	3	9	1	5	2	7	6	4
6	4	7	3	8	9	5	1	2
1	2	5	4	6	7	9	8	3
3	7	6	8	1	4	2	9	5
4	5	8	2	9	3	6	7	1
9	1	2	6	7	5	4	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GNO ZOVU WCFVQO CX PDBSCWOZF SCEBDBGB ECG DE

BOOLDEQ EOY UVEPBSVJOB MTG DE NVWDEQ EOY OFOB.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS G

Thursday's Cryptoquip: Lack of money is no obstacle. Lack of an idea is an obstacle.

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Vidhi (Article) 370 (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
South Indian Hero (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Paalaar (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Hondisi Bareyiri (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Juliet 2: Behind the Dark Door (K)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Gowli (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Romancham (Ma)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Campus Kranthi (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Love Birds (K)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Ntikkakkoru Premondarnn (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Selfiee (H)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.15 pm 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

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Gowli (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Love Birds (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Juliet 2: Behind the Dark Door (K)	:	1.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Vidhi (Article) 370 (K)	:	1.45 pm
Paalaar (K)	:	4.00 pm
South Indian Hero (K)	:	4.00 pm
Kranti (K)	:	4.10 pm
Antharanga (K)	:	6.50 pm

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Shehzada (H)	:	12.25 pm
South Indian Hero (K)	:	1.00 pm
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Jab We Met (H)	:	1.20 pm
Gowli (K)	:	1.35 pm, 7.05 pm
Sir (Te)	:	3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Sambhrama (K)	:	3.45 pm
Paalaar (K)	:	4.15 pm,
Vaathi (Ta)	:	6.30 pm
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Selfiee (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm
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Pathaan (H)	:	12.35 pm
Sir (Te)	:	12.40 pm, 6.45 pm
Juliet 2: Behind the Dark Door (K)	:	1.25 pm
Vaathi (Ta)	:	3.25 pm
Gowli (K)	:	3.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Vidhi (Article) 370 (K)	:	3.40 pm
South Indian Hero (K)	:	6.10 pm
Love Birds (K)	:	9.45 pm

Entries invited for National Short Film Festival

Mysuru, Feb. 27 (SSM)- The Department of Visual Communication of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham - School of Arts and Sciences, Mysuru Campus, has organised 'Cinerama-2023,' a two-day National-level Short Film Festival at its premises in Bogadi 2nd Stage on March 10 and 11. The Fest aims to provide exposure for students to showcase their talent and skills in making short films.

Students from across the country may send their entries for the two-day Fest.

Three Best Short Films will be awarded cash prizes of Rs. 10,000, Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively. Apart from that, cash prize of Rs. 4,000 each will be presented in special category for Best Director, Best Performer, Best Cinematographer and Best Editor.

Mobile Category: Students may also submit short films shot in mobile phones under 'Mobile Category.' Two Best Mobile Short Films will be awarded cash prizes of Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 3,000 respectively.

Last date to send entries is March 2. For details and submitting entries, visit: ***amritamysuru.in/events/cinerama2023.html*** or call Mob: 82814-64473 or 95902-48222, according to a release.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 27)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmadabad, Gujarat:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2023 expo-cum-sale, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sanatana Sabha, Mysuru:** Inauguration of *Ramayana* discourse series, Bharatanatyam artiste Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra inaugurates, Sanatana Sabha President N.S. Dwarakanatha presides, **6 pm;** Discourse on *Srimad Valmiki Ramayana's 'Aranya Kanda'* by G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Digambara Jaina Samaja and Padmashri Jaina Mahila Samaja:** Nandisha Ashtahnika Parva of Phalguna Masa of Sri Shubhakritu Nama Samvatsara, Padmashri Jaina Mahila Samaja President Latha Sudarshan inaugurates, Sri Digambara Jaina Samaja President S.D. Mahesh Prasad presides, Sri Shantinatha Seva Samiti Trust President S.B. Suresh Jain chief guest, **6.45 pm;** Discourse on 'Gatha: 376 and 400' by Prof. Nitturu Devendrakumar, Sri Shantishwaraswamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 28)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Mysuru and Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmadabad, Gujarat:** Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 8 pm.**
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- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM):** Seminar on 'Vachana Sahitya,' UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja inaugurates, JSS Science and Technology University faculty Prof. H.S. Ambika and K.R. Nagar Government FGC faculty Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy will deliver talks, B.M. Sri auditorium, Manasagangothri, **3 pm.** [Mob: 95355-00538, 99865-40575]
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Love Birds (K)	(S-3)	4.40 pm
Gowli (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 7.25 pm
Jab We Met (H)	(S-3)	10.20 pm; (S-4) 7.05 pm
Juliet 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.55 pm
Vaathi (Ta)	(S-4)	2.00 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-1)	6.10 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Sir (Te)	(S-4)	10.10 pm

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Selfiee (Hindi atmos)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Gowli (K)	(S-3)	4.35 pm; (S-4) 10.00 am
Love Birds (K)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Jab We Met (H)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Antharanga (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Juliet 2 (K)	(S-4)	3.00 pm
Vidhi 370 (K)	(S-4)	5.10 pm
Sambhrama (K)	(S-4)	7.30 pm
Hotte Padu (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
1975 (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
South Indian Hero (K)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-1)	10.00 pm
Ntikkakkakkoru Premandarnnu (Ma)	(S-4)	10.30 pm

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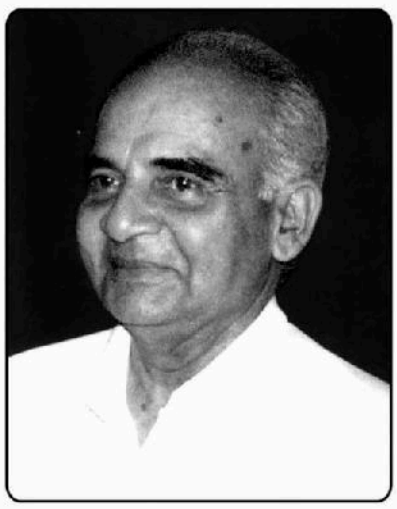

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